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SUBJECT: JERUSALEM COMMITTEE MEETINGS
REF: RABAT'S 03565

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. FYI. KING HASSAN CALLED BACK AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN
FOR SUBJECT MEETING DOUBTLESS TO PROVIDE UP-TO-DATE
READOUT OF CONGRESSIONAL DEVELOPMENTS ON LEGISLATION
INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MOYNIHAN AND REPRESENTATIVE LANTOS.

3. AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN TOLD AFN DIRECTOR HE IS
STRONGLY OF THE OPINION, AFTER CONVERSATIONS WITH WIDE
RANGE OF RANKING ADMINISTRATION FIGURES AND OTHER OPINION
MAKERS, THAT JERUSALEM COMMITTEE SHOULD ADOPT SOFT LINE
ON CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING JERUSALEM AND
KING HASSAN SHOULD HOLD HIMSELF "ABOVE THE BATTLE" TO THE
DEGREE POSSIBLE, LEST HIS REPRESENTATIONS TO US BACKFIRE
IN CONGRESS AND HAVE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE EFFECT ON AMERICAN
PUBLIC OPINION. BENGELLOUN INTENDS TO URGE KING HASSAN
TO DEFER ANY TRIP TO THE US IN THIS CONTEXT OR, BETTER
YET, GIVE TASK TO SOMEONE LIKE OIC SYG CHATTI. END FYI.
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